

this article, or anything therein contained, he may plead the general issue and give the special matter in evidence in his defence; and if the plaintiff shall be nonsuited, or discontinue, or if the defendant upon trial shall have verdict, the defendant shall recover treble costs; and if the plaintiff be unable to pay them they shall be paid by the attorney who brought or prosecuted the suit, unless the plaintiff shall give security for the costs, to be approved by the court.

1884, ch. 243.

**29.** The treasurer shall receive a salary for his services not exceeding three hundred dollars per annum, to be fixed by said commissioners.

Ibid.

**30.** The bonds executed by the treasurer and overseer or keeper of the almshouse shall be filed and recorded in the office of the clerk of the circuit court.

1886, ch. 3.

**31.** It shall be the duty of the commissioners every three months, to advertise for sealed proposals for furnishing all supplies and provisions necessary for the support and maintenance of the inmates of the almshouse, and all persons committed to the jail, and for all fuel needed for the almshouse and jail, and to award the contract therefor to the lowest responsible bidder, who shall give bond to the commissioners in such penalty as they may prescribe for the faithful performance of such contract, and no one of the commissioners shall be allowed to be a bidder for any such contract, or be interested therein directly or indirectly; and they shall have full power to make such provision for the maintenance and support of the inmates of the jail and almshouse as they may deem necessary until the contracts hereinbefore provided for can be made; provided, that the successful bidder shall be held and obligated to furnish at the same rate and price any additional supplies of the like kind that may be needed by the commissioners, in excess of the amount advertised and bid for.

Ibid.

**32.** Whenever there shall be no bid made for any of the supplies advertised for, the said commissioners may procure the same